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Sincerely,

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I love basic cable. What I hate are the crappy digital cable boxes foisted on us by the cable companies. I use a ReplayTV (not a TiVO) and refuse to conform my schedule to the broadcasters any more.

Contrary to what broadcasters think, a lot of us watch commercials, we just don't want to be forced to watch those that we've already seen or that we can tell we don't want. That's a waste of my valuable time and it's not making a whit of difference to the effectiveness of their advertising.

I live in a region that has seen local cable companies battle it out with "the death star" (TCI, then ATT Broadband, then ATT@home, then ComCast) for YEARS. It is VITAL that cable companies be forced to compete or else they behave like the worst monopolies.

(boilerplate from EFF.org below)

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